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SUBJECT: SEALING OF MEAT LOCKERS

REF: A) WELLINGTON 4704 (DTG 162255Z DEC 76)
B) B) STATE 301573 (DTG 110253Z DEC 76)

1. PARA 2, REFTEL A, REQUESTED AMPLIFICATION OF REFTEL B.
FOLLOWING IS DEFINITION OF "FOREIGN PUBLIC VESSEL" AS
USED BY DEPARTMENT:

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"A FOREIGN VESSEL WILL QUALIFY AS A PUBLIC VESSEL ONLY
IF IT (1) IS OWNED OR BAREBOAT CHARTERED BY THE FOREIGN
GOVERNMENT, (2) IS MANNED BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES
OR PERSONNEL OF THE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, (3) CARRIES CARGO,
IF ANY, OWNED BY AND FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE FOREIGN
GOVERNMENT AND NOT FOR USE IN TRADE OR FOR COMMERCIAL

PURPOSES, AND (4) CARRIES PASSENGERS, IF ANY, WHO ARE EITHER MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OR ARE OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES OF THE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT TRAVELLING ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS."

EMBASSY IS CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT ALL FOREIGN PUBLIC VESSELS, INCLUDING RNZN SHIPS, ARE TREATED EQUALLY.

2. DEPARTMENT KNOWS OF NO INSTANCES WHERE RNZN SHIPS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION BY OFFICIALS OF THE VARIOUS STATES. TOTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR AGRICULTURAL INSPECTION IS ASSIGNED TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WHICH FOLLOWS PROCEDURES OUTLINED REFTTEL B.

3. RNZN SHIPS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO US CUSTOMS. (FYI STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR CUSTOMS OFFICERS IS TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO BOARD FOREIGN PUBLIC VESSELS AND DISCUSS US REGULATIONS WITH RESPONSIBLE OFFICER. OBJECTIVE OF THESE DISCUSSIONS IS TO MAKE SURE SHIP'S PERSONNEL ARE AWARE OF WHAT THEY CAN AND CANNOT TAKE OFF OF SHIP. CUSTOMS BUREAU IS NOT CONCERNED WITH SHIP'S STORES THAT REMAIN ON BOARD DURING VISIT. END FYI.
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